

Public Works Committee Meeting
8 August 2006
MINUTES

Chairman Wolffe called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

Present: Hon. Glenn Wolffe, Chairman
 Hon. Terry Howard
 Mr. Michael Cosby, Public Works Director

 Mr. Robert Ritter
 Ms. Nancy Conklin
 Mr. David Ross
 Mr. J.W. Jeffries
 Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mueller
 Mr. Robert Umphlett

Mr. Wolffe moved to rearrange the order of the public participation item so that it would precede the consideration of the request to waive the water availability fee. Mr. Howard seconded and the motion was approved.

Mr. Howard made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Mr. Wolffe seconded and the motion was approved.

1. Consider approval of 11 July 2006 Minutes. Mr. Howard made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Howard seconded and the motion was approved.
2. Director's report. Mr. Howard asked if we were still utilizing the same chemicals for our mosquito spraying. Mr. Cosby stated that the current chemicals had been in use for some time. Mr. Wolffe explained that the effectiveness of the chemicals varied depending on the application conditions. Mr. Howard asked if the monthly report could be distributed to all Council members. Mr. Cosby said that he would do this in the future.
3. Mr. Fred Mueller explained his request for the waiver of the water availability fee for his property on Pine Drive. He stated that he was asking for consideration because he was not told that there were new fees in effect starting 20 April 2006. He said that he believed his situation was unique because he had a building permit and met all of the requirements prior to April 20 but did not apply for service.
4. Request to waive availability fee – Lot 6A Pine Drive. Mr. Jeffries stated that the Town did not evaluate the water service applications on the basis of building permits and explained that the Town did not know how many other situations currently exist where property owners met the requirements prior to

20 April but did not apply for service. After a general discussion of the unique nature of this situation, Mr. Howard moved for a waiver of the rules in order to ask Mr. Mueller questions. This motion was seconded by Mr. Wolffe and approved. Mr. Howard then asked Mr. Mueller why his situation was unique, and Mr. Mueller stated that it was because Mr. Jeffries told him that it was. Mr. Jeffries pointed out that it is the only case known at present but repeated that there are a number of cases that could exist but are not yet known. Mr. Wolffe stated that he would not make a motion at this meeting because the actual criteria were probably met by a number of people and also stated that the Muellers could approach the full Town Council with their request. Mr. Howard indicated that he was concerned about setting a precedent and would not make a motion at this meeting.

5. Consider new application for water service connections. A short discussion of the proposed new water service connection application took place, with the general conclusion that staff refine and clarify several areas for approval at a later date.
6. Committee member comments. Mr. Howard stated that he would like to know at least a day in advance about situations that would be discussed in committee meetings. The new procedures for agenda packets were then discussed. Mr. Wolffe asked Mr. Cosby about the status of road repairs for Church Street. Mr. Cosby agreed to develop a feasibility report for next month's meeting.

Mr. Howard moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 pm. Mr. Wolffe seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 12 September 2006 at 5:30 pm.